

SPORT.

BOXING.

"The popular idea that boxing is a dangerous game does not hold water if you investigate the cause and stick to facts," says Billy Madden. "Men who have been killed in boxing contests would have been killed just as surely in rowing or running races, football or wrestling matches." In nine out of ten cases men who lost their lives when boxing had no business to be engaged in any kind of physical contest calling for strength and endurance. When men are knocked out they are not really hurt. I have been knocked out, and I confess that the sound of the thing is much worse than the actual experience. There was no shock when I sustained the blow, and none when I returned to consciousness. The most serious danger confronting boxers, in my opinion, is the possible damage to their hands. When a man's hands become injured his money earning capabilities as a boxer are wholly or partly destroyed. Now, it is a very easy thing for a boxer to so injure his hands that his use of them in subsequent boxing contests will be seriously impaired. Men who fight many bouts, take Billy Smith as an example—are apt to smash a bone or two, injure the joints or knuckles, and then where are they? They may be perfect in wind, limb and skill and in all other respects, but without good hands their stay in the arena becomes limited. I would let my men box often were it not for the fear that their hands will go, and that is why I prefer to lose many small chances that come my way. Many a clever boxer has been stopped in his upward career through some little injury to one of his hands, and this is a matter the importance of which has been generally overlooked."

Oscar Gardner leaves to-morrow evening for New York to get in shape for his twenty-five-round bout January 9, with Dave Sullivan, at catchweights, the only way Sullivan would fight him. Dixon wouldn't fight Sullivan at catchweights, and Sullivan wouldn't fight Gardner at the weight imposed by Dixon on Gardner, 125 pounds, while Gardner has to agree to any old kind of a proposition, no matter how it handicaps him, in order to get a match. And he is drawing nearer to Easy Street, hard as the hill was to climb, for now he has been asked to fight Ben Jordan, in England, the match desired by Dixon, but the Englishmen wanted the best there was in the country.

Bradley's disappointing showing here is explained by Gardner, in speaking of their six-round go in Philadelphia. On that occasion, Bradley came in at catchweights, and he came at Oscar like a cyclone in every round. Gardner had to fight Dixon a few days later, so took care of his hands, for he knew he would be given in the Quaker City. But when he tried to get at Bradley, Referee Johnny Clarke interposed with some subterfuge, such as ordering the men to break talking back from the ring to the crowd, and other devices to ward Gardner off. That was how Bradley got his name in the Philadelphia papers in big letters, and he seems to live under a lucky star. He can now travel on the record of having stood up for twenty rounds with Gardner, though in reality his standing up consisted in falling down.

DAN STUART'S STORY

Will be Received with Relief by Corbett's Admirers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Was a lame ankle responsible for Corbett's poor showing in his late fight with Sharkey?

The possibility of such a thing is suggested at this late day by Dan A. Stuart, the noted promoter of the Corbett-Pittsimmmons, Pittsimmmons-Maher and other fights. Stuart, who is on his way to Hot Springs, stopped off in Chicago for a few hours, speaking of the Corbett-Sharkey fight, he said: "There was only one thing about it that I never could understand, and want to know. That is why Corbett mixed it up with Sharkey. Those who know the style of the two men expected Corbett to keep his activity into play, Corbett changed his method and went at his man. He never back-stepped once during the fight. And so I asked Jim about it after the contest. He said that in the second round he was tempted a little by the funny business, got close to Sharkey and came near being knocked out. He failed to get his face out of Sharkey's way by about half an inch and the blow, which was partly glancing, knocked Corbett down and stunned him a good deal. When Corbett got up he found that his ankle was badly sprained. It put him to a great disadvantage in the rest of the fight. Corbett never said anything about this because he knew it would raise a great howl. Instead he took his medicine. Corbett pulled up his trouser leg when he told men about it, and showed me that his ankle was badly sprained."

Barry and Leon To-night.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Dec. 28.—Jimmy Barry, accompanied by Patsy Fitzgerald, arrived here to-day from Chicago for his fight with Casper Leon, of New York, for the bantam championship of the world to-morrow night. There will be no postponement to Friday, as had been reported. Both principals are through training and only doing light work. Barry took a road run with Fitzgerald this morning, while Leon did a little easy work with the punching bag and with his trainer, Jack Manning. Malachy Hogan will referee the contest. Kid McCoy telegraphed here will take place in Claus Grotz hall, this city, under the auspices of the Tri-City A. C. Apparently there will be a large attendance.

BOWLING.

WHEELING LEAGUE.			
	Won.	Lost.	Per.
All Aike	22	8	.833
Wheeling	22	8	.833
Howe	22	8	.833
Puritan	22	8	.833
Golden Rods	19	11	.633
Old Cronies	19	11	.633
Run Dimes	19	11	.633
La Belle	7	26	.214
Frog Horns	4	32	.111
Last night's score:			
GOLDEN RODS.	185	23	81
Edwards	128	39	465
Ward	165	115	144
Kane	146	122	132
Bonsfeldt	131	161	135
Sever	128	168	437
Switzerland	108	258	138
Totals	844	844	2098
LA BELLE.	115	20	83
Leach	125	114	356
West	129	149	105
Stelmaker	121	142	415
Andlinger	154	149	80
Ward	130	114	122
Blind	141	149	138
Totals	836	828	722
Umpire—Mullerke. Scorers—Yenick and Jinks. To-night—"Big P." and Old Cronies.			

CAIRO CLUB LEAGUE.			
	1st.	2d.	3d.
EMERALD	1st	2d	3d
Blaze	1st	2d	3d
A. Carney	1st	2d	3d
Kaiser	1st	2d	3d

Clark	120	120	121	414
Blind	120	120	122	436
Total	240	240	243	850
ATLANTIC.				
Howe	118	211	246	575
L. Carney	110	115	138	363
Nelson	102	154	142	408
Prans	127	136	142	405
Duff	124	131	114	369
Blind	120	102	100	322
Total	619	774	782	2184
Umpire—Moore. Scorers—Kirchner and Rock.				

Pool Rooms Closed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 28.—For the first time in the history of the city the pool rooms to-day are closed, permanently closed. For some time a bitter fight has been waged upon the pool room interests, which resulted in the three rooms in this city being raided Saturday, over 125 men being arrested. These were dismissed at a preliminary hearing, but as the grand jury had announced its intention to continue raiding them, the proprietors came into the criminal court this morning and stated that they had determined to close their doors permanently. The said that they surrendered unconditionally. The view of the fact all pending indictments against them have been dismissed.

Bryan on Expansion.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 28.—William J. Bryan arrived in Omaha to-day from Chicago. He called on friends in the city during the morning and this afternoon left for Lincoln.

When asked if he thought the question of imperialism would overshadow the money issue in the campaign of 1900, Mr. Bryan said it was difficult at this time to tell what relation these issues would bear to each other then. He thought if Congress would adopt a resolution pledging this government to keep the Philippines only as a trust for their people as we do Cuba, until a stable government is established, the expansion issue would be at an end. If, however, the question is not settled in some such way as this, he said, it would continue to be a matter of discussion until it was disposed of, and would therefore remain one of the issues before the people.

With Porto Rico, Mr. Bryan said, the situation could be simplified easily. He believed the people of the island should first be permitted to vote whether they desired annexation to this country or the formation of an independent republic.

Hungarian Duels.

BUDA PEST, Dec. 28.—The first of the six duels arranged between M. Horanszky, a member of the lower house of the Hungarian diet and his seconds and the seconds of Baron Banffy, the Hungarian premier, growing out of the dispute, still unsettled, between the two principals, took place to-day between Baron Fejervary, minister of national defense and Count Karolyi. Pistols were the weapons used, but the encounter was bloodless. Baron Fejervary missed his opponent and the pistol of Count Karolyi missed fire. Later, Baron Banffy's second, M. Gietari and M. Moranszky's second, M. Semerov, fought a duel with swords. In the first encounter M. Semerov was out on the head. After his wound had been bound up the duel was resumed and M. Semerov was again severely wounded in the head. The seconds then stopped the fighting and a reconciliation followed.

Will be Charged to Cuba.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Negotiations are progressing in the matter of the payment of the Cuban troops, so that on laying down their arms they may be enabled to enter upon civil pursuits and earn their living. Probably no further appropriation by Congress will be necessary to enable the President to carry out the plan if it should be decided, as it probably will be, to advance money, charging it against the revenues of Cuba, to pay the Cuban army and the Cuban army. This debt is not an obligation resting upon the United States, but is one for which the Cuban government will be obligated on its establishment on an independent basis.

BENWOOD NEWS.

Local Happenings of Importance in a Busy Town.

The savings bank project has evidently filled a grave beside those of its predecessors. While everyone admitted the necessity of a bank in Benwood, it seemed as if the right parties didn't care to take the initiative, for enough capital could have been subscribed in half a day's canvass.

There is the usual holiday dullness in Benwood. Nearly all departments of the mills have resumed, and after the New Year it is expected to have all on. The puddling mill is undergoing repairs, and it is billed for an early start.

The town has been fortunate in the past two weeks in not having any fatalities to record. Things are dull when Benwood can't turn out a fatal accident.

Council failed to secure a quorum Tuesday night. Lack of quorum has become common lately.

Mrs. Dare and Miss Sallie Peabody, of Glendale, were visitors in town yesterday.

No ingenuity of barbarism—no devilish invention of the masters of torture during the time of the Spanish inquisition ever devised an agony so intense, so persistent, so long enduring, so nerve-harrowing as that which is suffered day after day by the women whose distinctly feminine organism is deranged. There are three most trying times in a woman's life: 1st—when girlhood blossoms into womanhood; 2d—when motherhood is achieved; 3d—when the capacity for motherhood ceases (the change of life).

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was devised to make these three periods safe and painless by restoring to vigorous health the organs involved. It soothes, heals, nourishes. It gives Nature just the help it needs. It is the only preparation of its kind devised by a regularly graduated physician and skilled specialist in the diseases of women.

Me-too-medicines are preparations without standing or success. They are the substitutes sold as "just as good." Having no record of their own, when Dr. Pierce's cures are referred to they cry me-too, me-too, like the cuckoo in a Swiss clock. Don't accept me-too medicines for "Favorite Prescription."

Mrs. M. Barnes, of Balls Ferry, Shasta Co., Cal., writes: "My physician said I was suffering from the effects of 'change of life.' I had heart disease, and I was in a terrible state of nervous prostration. I could hardly stand up. When I began Dr. Pierce's medicine I improved right along. I took seven or eight bottles three times a week, and the 'Pleasant Pellets' at night. I feel as well as I ever did. I take great pleasure in recommending Dr. Pierce's medicine to suffering women. I think that they are the best medicines in the world."

Congressman Botkin's Statement

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 1, 1898.

Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, O.

My Dear Doctor:—It gives me pleasure to certify to the excellent curative qualities of your medicine:



Hon. J. D. BOTKIN, Congressman-at-Large from Kansas.

Peruna and Man-e-lin. I have been afflicted, more or less, for a quarter of a century with catarrh of the stomach and constipation; a residence in Washington has increased these troubles.

A few bottles of your medicines have given me almost complete relief, and I am sure that a continuation of their use will effect a permanent cure.

Peruna is surely a wonderful remedy for catarrhal affections.

J. D. BOTKIN.

Ask your druggist for a free Peruna Almanac for the year 1899.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Charleston, KANAWHA, 6:30 a. m. Pittsburgh, BEN HUR, 8 a. m. Sistersville, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. Pittsburgh, GREENWOOD, 6:30 a. m. Cincinnati, QUEEN CITY, 8 a. m. Parkersburg, K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m. Matamoras, LEXINGTON, 11 a. m. Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW. Pittsburgh, VIRGINIA, 8 a. m. Parkersburg, AVALON, 8 a. m. Parkersburg, BEN HUR, 11 a. m. Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m. Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

Along the Landing. The marks at 6 p. m.—10 feet and falling. Weather, clear and cold. The Queen City is this morning's packet for Cincinnati, departing at 8 o'clock.

Captain John M. Phillips, of Pittsburgh, owner of the large sidewheel packet, City of Pittsburgh, now nearing completion at Marietta, passed through the city yesterday en route to the Ohio town, where he will personally supervise the work of equipping his boat. It is expected the Pittsburgh will be completed before February 1, in time to take a Mardi Gras excursion to New Orleans. Two hundred excursionists from Pittsburgh, Wheeling and other upper river towns will be booked.

Pittsburgh River News. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—The Ohio river has fallen 1.3 feet since yesterday, and will continue to fall so long as the cold wave continues. Much ice was coming out of the Allegheny river this morning as a result of last night's cold weather. The ice is not heavy enough to cause the boats much trouble. The weather bureau officials predict a rise in temperature for to-morrow.

Nearly all the boats that left here last week with tons of coal have delivered their cargo at Cincinnati or Louisville, and are on their way to Pittsburgh with tons of empties. As soon as the boats arrive there will be renewed activity in the Monongahela river, as the miners will be given plenty of work in reloading them. Some of the boat yards are so busy that they cannot turn out new craft as rapidly as the coal operators demand them. There has been a scarcity of craft for some time, and the firms dealing in boat bottoms have been enjoying a very good business. The coal trade is on the increase, locally as well as in the south, but the price received for the product is about as low as it ever has been. The operators are complaining that they are not making any money. There is a very fair amount of coal on hand at Cincinnati, and if the weather continues cold the operators expect to get a better price for their product.

River Telegrams.

GREENSBORO—River 5 feet 2 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and threatening. Woodward down Thursday. James G. Blaine up.

PITTSBURGH—River 8 feet 4 inches at dam and falling rapidly. Clear and cold.

STEUBENVILLE—River 10 feet 3 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and cold. Passed down, Queen City. Up, Ben Hur.

PARKERSBURG—Ohio river 16 feet and falling. Weather cloudy and threatening. Passed down, Queen City. Up, Ben Hur.

CAIRO—River 21 feet 4 inches and rising. Clear and cold.

MEMPHIS—River 10 feet and rising. Clear and cold.

LOUISVILLE—River rising; 11 feet 5 inches in canal; 5 feet 3 inches on falls; 29 feet 7 inches below locks. Clear and cold.

EVANSVILLE—River 21 feet 5 inches and rising. Clear and cold.

POINT PLEASANT—River 20 feet 8 inches and falling. Cloudy.

CINCINNATI—River 31 feet 7 inches and falling. Clear.

PAINS in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of hannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by druggists.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gum, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

Bellaire Happenings.

Matters of Interest in the Metropolis of Belmont County.

That three aged women who own forty-five acres of land in Belmont county should starve to death is a strange story, but the independent yesterday evening contained the following: It is reported that one of three maiden sisters named Taylor, residing a few miles east of St. Clairsville and a mile south of the pike, was found dead Thursday of last week. It is further said that death was probably caused in part from want of the necessities of life. A neighbor seeing no sign of life about the house called and found one of the aged women in bed sick. Another was crocheting near the fireplace, but there was no fire. He inquired if they had anything to eat. One told him she was hungry but had nothing to eat. The other said she was sick and could not eat if there was anything to eat. The man was told that the other sister had gone out the day before to hunt for wood to make a fire and had not returned. He went in search and found the body a little way from the house. There was no sign of violence and it is thought she died of hunger and cold. She was the youngest of the three and is supposed to have been between sixty-five and seventy years of age. The sisters own forty-five acres of land in the northwest part of this township and had three acres where they lived, but their property had been sold for taxes and they had but a scant income from carpet weaving. Strange that a death should occur in that way in such a neighborhood and at such a time.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Knights of St. John will give a Christmas tree social at their rooms corner Guernsey and Thirty-first streets this evening and the following programme will be rendered: Opening Ode.....Ladies' Auxiliary Recitation.....Miss Anna Lappert Instrumental Duet.....Miss Anna Williams and Cecelia Garey. Vocal Solo.....Miss Catherine Lynabey Recitation.....Mr. J. P. Sherry Mandolin and Guitar Duet.....Misses Katie and Winnie Daitenberg. Vocal Solo.....Miss Grace Murphy Recitation.....Miss Ella Tate Vocal Duet.....Misses Kate and Pearl Hughes. Mrs. James McGee and Mrs. P. Kern. Recitation.....Miss Kate Daitenberg Vocal Solo.....Miss William Ebbe Recitation.....Miss Clara O'Toole Closing Ode.....Ladies' Auxiliary.

The lecture and entertainment to be given this evening by the young men's club in the First M. E. church will be well attended as a large number of tickets have been sold. The best talent in the city have been secured on the programme. Rev. Robert S. Coffey, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will deliver the lecture.

Graduates of the Bellaire High school can now be admitted to the Ohio State University without examination, but the average graduate not able to take the examination would scarcely progress in a satisfactory way.

Jack Pritchard, who stabbed James Kearns, a colored man, in the right breast, will be held for investigation by the next grand jury. The complaint charges him with stabbing with intent to kill.

Jacob Maule will conduct services in the Episcopal parish rooms here under the auspices of the Society of Friends next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the first day of the first month of the new year.

Mrs. Alvin Kirkpatrick returned home yesterday to Pittsburgh after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clemens on North Belmont street.

Henry Chandler, formerly connected with the Bellaire steel plant, has been re-employed as manager of the St. Clairsville electric light plant at \$100 per month.

The relations of Rev. John E. Fulton and the Second Presbyterian church have been formally dissolved by the St. Clairsville Presbytery.

William A. Shoemaker gets the place vacated by the transfer of Postal Clerk James H. Sinclair from the B. & O. to the B. & O. route.

Harry Bamford will leave this afternoon for Dunkirk, Ind., after spending a week with his parents in the Fifth ward.

T. G. Harper, formerly of this city, but now located in Fairview, W. Va., is spending a few days with relatives here.

Elsie Seesley and Miss Laura Teeters were married by Rev. C. M. Watson on Tuesday evening at the home of the bride.

James Johnson returned yesterday morning to Pittsburgh after spending a few days with relatives here.

William Hoffman has returned to Crafton, Pa., after a pleasant visit with relatives in the Fourth ward.

Mrs. George E. Work, of Sistersville, is the guest of her parents in the Fourth ward.

Mrs. W. G. Fletcher and family are spending two weeks with relatives in Beallsville.

Miss Nellie Freeze, of Bewickley, Pa., is the guest of friends in the Fourth ward.

The annual concert by the Christian church will be held next Monday evening.

The Columbian club will dance in Armory hall to-morrow night.

MARTIN'S FERRY NEWS.

The Daily Chronicle of Wheeling's Progressive Neighbor.

Bennie, young son of Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery, of the county road, was painfully burned yesterday morning, by his clothing catching fire from an open grate, by which he was standing. Mrs. Montgomery had her hands slightly burned while trying to extinguish the blaze.

The meeting of the Woman's Club at the home of Mrs. M. C. Mitchell yesterday afternoon, was interesting and well attended. Committees were appointed to make arrangements for the reception to be given Friday evening at the home of Captain L. W. Ingelbright.

At his home on Walnut street last evening, Ralph Heaton was host to his many friends in a most hospitable manner. Dancing and cards were the chief amusements of the evening.

Mrs. Coleman, colored, complained at police station yesterday of a colored boarder having jumped his board bill, taking with him a watch belonging to her.

The Terminal railroad has removed its electric crossing signals at Walnut and Hanover streets and have substituted the regular signal boards.

S. N. McCarty, of the Commoner and Glassworker, of Pittsburgh, is the guest of Henry Gouding, on Third street.

Charles Thorngate and family, who left here several months ago for Baltimore, returned to this city yesterday.

Misses Jessie Burris and Lucy Carter, of Georgetown, are the guests of Miss Pearl Shipman, on Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, of Mountsville, are the guests of the latter's parents on Third street.

Misses Edna and Maude Vandevort returned to Parkersburg yesterday, after a visit with friends here.

Squire Keller was at St. Clairsville on business yesterday.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is used by the best people in the land. It cures at once hoarseness and throat affliction. Price 25c.

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